IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, in this application.

- 1. (previously presented) A method of production of a transgenic plant, said method comprising: transforming a plant with a Y11414 gene or a functional homologue thereof in other species to produce a transgenic plant which is stress tolerant.
- 2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1 for prevention and/or treatment of biotic, salt-induced, dehydration-induced, oxidative, and osmotic stress.
- 3. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, in which said gene is the Y11414 gene, its functional variants, complementary sequences, and transcription products thereof.
- 4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, in which said functional homologue is a polynucleotide sequence that exhibits a sequence homology of at least 70% with the variable region of the Y11414 gene.
- 5. (original) A polynucleotide sequence characterized by a homology of at least 70% with the variable region of the Y11414 gene.
- 6. (previously presented) A polypeptide that is coded by the Y11414 gene, by a functional homologue thereof in other species, or by a polynucleotide sequence according to claim 5.
- 7. (previously presented) The use of a polypeptide according to claim 6 for the prevention and/or treatment of biotic, salt-induced, dehydration-induced, oxidative, and osmotic stress.

- 8. (previously presented) A method of production of a transgenic plant, said method comprising: transforming a plant with an expression cassette and/or a biological vector containing a Y11414 gene, a functional homologue thereof in other species, or a polynucleotide sequence according to claim 5 to produce a transgenic plant which is stress tolerant.
- 9. (previously presented) An expression cassette comprising a promoter operatively linked to a polynucleotide sequence according to claim 5.
- 10. (previously presented) A biological vector comprising a polynucleotide sequence according to claim 5 or an expression cassette comprising a promoter operatively linked to said polynucleotide sequence.
- 11. (original) A vegetable host cell, transformed with the biological vector according to claim 10.
- 12. (original) A transgenic plant comprising vegetable host cells according to claim 11.
- 13. (original) A method for the treatment and/or prevention of the damages caused by biotic, salt, dehydration, oxidative and osmotic stresses in the plants, said method comprising transforming said plants with host cells comprising the Y11414 gene.
- 14. (original) A method for the treatment and/or prevention of the damages caused by salt, dehydration, oxidative and osmotic stresses in the plants, said method comprising transforming said plants with host cells according to claim 11.
- 15. (original) A method for the preparation of transgenic plants that are tolerant to the biotic, salt-induced, dehydration-induced, oxidative, and osmotic stress, said method comprising using the Y11414 gene, a functional homologue thereof, or a polynucleotide sequence according to claim 5.